

d. at least one rib, depending from said top and attached to said outwardly directed facing surface of said inner skirt;

e. said at least one rib extending from said inner skirt to said outer skirt.

29. (new) The container closure of claim 28 wherein said inner skirt defines a first axial length and a first portion of said rib has a length substantially equal to said first axial length.

30. (new) The container closure of claim 29 wherein said outer skirt defines a second axial length and a second portion of said rib has a length substantially equal to said second axial length.

31. (new) The container closure of claim 28, said rib having a tapered lower edge.

32. (new) A container closure comprising:

a. a top, having an interior surface and an exterior surface;

b. first and second concentric skirts depending from said interior surface of said top, said first skirt being an inner skirt and said second skirt being an outer skirt;

c. at least one thread attached to an inward facing surface of said inner skirt; and,

e. at least one rib depending from said top, and extending between said first and second skirts.

33. (new) The container closure of claim 32, said outer skirt having an outer skirt with a first upper larger diameter and a second lower smaller diameter.

34. (new) The container closure of claim 33, said at least one rib having a first portion extending the length of the first skirt and a second portion extending the length of said second skirt.

35. (new) The container closure of claim 32 further comprising a flange depending from said interior surface of said top and having a diameter smaller than said first skirt.

36. (new) The container closure of claim 32, said closure having a frusto-conical shape.

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37. (new) A container closure, comprising:

- a top wall and an outer skirt having a first diameter depending from said top wall;
- an inner skirt having a second diameter smaller than said first diameter depending from said top wall;
- a rib depending from said top wall along an inner face of said outer skirt;
- said rib extending to an outer face of said inner skirt;
- said outer skirt being tapered and being frusto-conical in shape.

38. (new) The container closure of claim 37, said rib having a first edge having a length equal to said outer skirt.

39. (new) The container closure of claim 37, said rib having a second edge having a length equal to said inner skirt.

40. (new) The container closure of claim 37, said rib being substantially L-shaped.

41. (new) The container closure of claim 40, said rib having a tapered lower edge.

42. (new) The container closure of claim 37, further comprising an annular flange depending from and centered on an interior surface of said top wall, said annular flange having a diameter less than said inner skirt.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above referenced application is respectfully requested.

Applicant's attorney has added claims 28-42 to more clearly define the structure of the invention.

After entry of the enclosed amendment, claims 22-42 remain pending in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,